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For: Acetabular Cup and Reamer Assembly and Associated
Method for Securing the Cup to an Acetabulum

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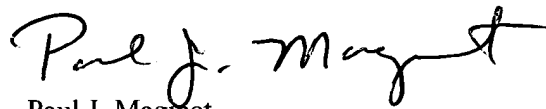
Sir:

In connection with the Office Action dated August 24, 2004 in the above-entitled
application, Applicants respectfully request a one (1) month extension in which to file a response,
from November 24, 2004 to December 24, 2004.

The fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) is submitted herewith. Also, please provide any further extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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